

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 15, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 418

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 15, 2013

An act to add Section ~~8547.14~~ 8548.6 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 418, as amended, Mullin. California Whistleblower Protection Act: state agency: Internet.

The California Whistleblower Protection Act establishes procedures under which a state employee may report improper governmental activities or make a protected disclosure to the State Auditor and prohibits retaliation or reprisal against a state employee for these acts. The act requires the State Auditor to investigate and report on improper governmental activities, as defined.

This bill would require a state agency to post a graphical link, as specified, to the State Auditor's Internet Web page that contains information on how to file a complaint *to the State Auditor* under the act. The bill would require the graphical link to include the phone number that the public and a state employee may use to make a complaint *to the State Auditor* under the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8547.14 is added to the Government Code,~~
2 ~~to read:~~

3 ~~8547.14. A state agency shall post a graphical link on the~~
4 ~~homepage of its Internet Web site to the State Auditor's Internet~~
5 ~~Web page that contains information on how to file a complaint~~
6 ~~pursuant to this article. The graphical link shall include the phone~~
7 ~~number that the public and a state employee may use to make a~~
8 ~~complaint pursuant to this article.~~

9 *SECTION 1. Section 8548.6 is added to the Government Code,*
10 *to read:*

11 *8548.6. A state agency shall post a graphical link on the*
12 *homepage of its Internet Web site to the State Auditor's Internet*
13 *Web page that contains information on how to file a complaint to*
14 *the State Auditor under the California Whistleblower Protection*
15 *Act (Article 3 (commencing with Section 8547)). The graphical*
16 *link shall include the telephone number that the public and a state*
17 *employee may use to make a complaint to the State Auditor under*
18 *the California Whistleblower Protection Act (Article 3*
19 *(commencing with Section 8547)).*